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Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated November 18, 2018, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State, in which you requested “materials mentioning, proposing, justifying, or executing the suspension of SIPRNet access to NCD as described by Under Secretary for Management Patrick F. Kennedy in their Statement Before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and governmental Affairs on march 10, 2011.”

The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on November 19, 2018. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. We have classified you as a representative of the news media.

This Office assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Your request has been assigned to the complex track and will be handled as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at (202) 261-8484.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela M. Averette', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Angela M. Averette, Acting Chief
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